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1. SOV DIRECTOR GARRISON DISCUSSED SOVIET FOOT DRAGGING IN KIEV IN LENGTHY EXCHANGE WITH SOVIET DCM VORONTSOV ON DECEMBER 9. VORONTSOV INDICATED THAT MFA WAS DELAYING ACTION ON US REQUESTS LARGELY BECAUSE OF KORNIYENKO'S PIQUE AT HAVING HIS VERSION OF WHAT HARTMAN TOLD HIM ABOUT CONDITIONS GOVERNING INCREASE IN SOVIET NY STAFF DISPUTED.

2. GARRISON WENT OVER HISTORY AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WE HAD LET SOVIETS BUY NY PROPERTY IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE TOWARD A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL HANDLING OF SUCH MATTERS INSTEAD OF REDUCING OUR DEALINGS IN EACH CASE TO THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR. HE REMINDED VORONTSOV THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HARTMAN, THE SOVIETS HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF RENOVATION AND USE OF STAFF HOUSING BUILDING AT 11 E 91ST ST. WE GAVE THEM PERMISSION TO DO SO, ON THE STRENGTH OF SOVIET COOPERATION IN MAKING THE FLORENTSIYA BUILDING AVAILABLE TO US. THEY ARE NOW RENOVATING THE BUILDING, USING THEIR OWN WORK FORCE AS WELL AS US FIRMS

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TO CARRY OUT THE WORK, AND USING IT FOR HOUSING. THUS

THE SOVIET SIDE, IN ADDITION TO QUOTE SWALLOWING AND FORGETTING UNQUOTE THOSE THINGS WE HAD ALREADY DONE TO LET THE NY OPERATION GET STARTED, HAD RENEGED ON A DIRECT TRADE-OFF -- FLORENTSIYA FOR 11 E 91ST -- AND WERE NOW LINKING FLORENTSIYA TO ANOTHER SOVIET DEMAND.

3. AS REGARDS THE SPECIFICS OF THE HARTMAN-KORNIYENKO CONVERSATION, GARRISON REPEATED THAT HARTMAN HAD CLEARLY LINKED AN EXPANSION OF THE SOVIET NEW YORK STAFF TO THE BEGINNING OF RECONFIGURATION. HE HAD ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD NOT EVEN STARTED MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF OUR FUTURE OFFICE BUILDING, AND URGED THAT THAT BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY. POSSIBLY KORNIYENKO HAD MISUNDERSTOOD (VORONTSOV, WHO WAS PRESENT, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT THE SAME AS KORNIYENKO), BUT IT HARDLY SEEMS A MATTER WORTH ELEVATING TO A MAJOR CONFRONTATION. IN ANY CASE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT CONVERSATION, TO SHOW OUR FLEXIBILITY ON THIS MATTER, WE HAD APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF TWO TDY PERSONS (WHO HAD BEEN HERE FOR A YEAR ALREADY) AND THUS HAD IN EFFECT TEMPORARILY INCREASED THE CEILING OF 10 TO 12. AGAIN, THIS GESTURE WAS MERELY SWALLOWED WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. GARRISON NOTED THAT THE MFA IS ALSO BEING OBSTRUCTIVE ON OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS TELEX FACILITIES (WHILE THE NEW YORK PEOPLE HAVE EXCELLENT FACILITIES) AND TRAVEL NOTIFICATION. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE SAID WE WOULD BEGIN ALLOWING THE NY CONGEN PEOPLE 24-HOUR NOTICE TO CERTAIN CITIES, AS THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO AS EMBASSY PERSONNEL, AS SOON AS THE SITUATION OF OUR KIEV PEOPLE IS REGULARIZED. (FYI THE SOVIETS HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR FILING NOTES IN WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO GET THE 24-HOUR NOTICE ADVANTAGE.)

5. GARRISON ALSO NOTED THAT OUR INFORMATION IS THAT A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO SMUN ARE IN FACT WORKING AT THE CONGEN; HE PROVIDED SOME NAMES AND SAID THAT THIS MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY. HE ASKED WHERE MYSHKOV IS LIVING; VORONTSOV ASSURED THAT MYSHKOV IS LIVING AT 11, NOT 9.

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6. GARRISON ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY HELP US OVERCOME THE UNWARRANTED OBSTACLES THAT THE MFA HAS THROWN UP.

7. VORONTSOV ARGUED THAT OUR ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF STAFF IN NEW YORK SEEMED PETTY, IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF SOVIETS ALREADY ASSIGNED TO THE UN (THIS LED TO A LONG EXCHANGE ABOUT BALANCE AND US PERCEPTIONS OF AN UNNECESSARILY LARGE SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE US). BUT

VORONTSOV SEEMED TO ACCEPT OUR POINT ABOUT THE FLORENTSIYA-11 E 91ST LINKAGE, AND SEEMED TO SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF USING OUR EXTENSION OF THE TDYERS TO MOLLIFY KORNIYENKO'S PIQUE.

8. EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH MFA, EMPHASIZING THAT THE STAFF HOUSING AT 11 E 91ST IS BEING USED BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD FLORENTSIYA WAS AVAILABLE FOR USE, THAT WE HAD ALLOWED AN EXTENSION OF TWO LONG-TERM TDYERS AS A GESTURE FOLLOWING THE KORNIYENKO-HARTMAN CONVERSATION, AND THAT THE PETTY OBSTRUCTIONISM BEING PRACTICED IN THIS SITUATION BY THE MFA DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR ATTEMPTS BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON TO GET OUR HOUSEKEEPING RELATIONSHIPS ON A MORE PRACTICAL BASIS.

9. FYI, OUR EFFORTS TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE SOVIET CONGEN BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW USING ONLY THE ENTRANCE TO THEIR OFFICE BUILDING (NO. 9) FOR ACCESS TO BOTH BUILDINGS. END FYI ROBINSON

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